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NEW RESERVE UNIT MANS FLAGPLOT

Reservists are now participating in an important Headquarters operation. A new unit was established on 1 January 1976, and its members on weekends are augmenting Headquarters Flag Plot, the nerve center of the U.S. Coast Guard.

The unit held a commissioning reception on 25 January 1976. Attending the reception were the Vice Commandant, VICE ADMIRAL ELLIS L. PERRY; Chief of Staff, REAR ADMIRAL R. H. SCARBOROUGH; REAR ADMIRAL GLEN THOMPSON, Chief, Office of Operations and REAR ADMIRAL W. S. SCHWOB, Chief Office of Reserve.

CDR R. J. MATTHEWS, is the commanding officer of the new unit and CDR NOAH M. SMITH is the Executive Officer. Seven officers and 17 enlisted personnel are authorized for this new unit although at present the unit has 7 officers and 6 enlisted personnel. They officially meet the fourth weekend of each month. Designated reservists will work alongside regularly assigned personnel on 12 hour watches in Flag Plot on other weekends throughout the month.

Flag Plot is the information center that provides Coast Guard leadership and when the need arises, national leadership with a wide variety of information on movements of commercial vessels and Coast Guard ships and planes, and marine incidents throughout the world involving Coast Guard units.



Cutting the cake at the commissioning reception. From left to right are: CDR ESPOSITO, USCGR, Chief, Reserve Division, CGD Five; RADM THOMPSON, Chief, Office of Operations; CDR MATTHEWS, USCGR, CO of new unit; RADM SCHWOB, Chief, Office of Reserve; VADM PERRY, Vice Commandant; RADM SCARBOROUGH, Chief of Staff; and CAPT PHILLIPS, Chief of Flag Plot Staff.

CGRU PORTLAND Gains First Woman Boatswain's Mate

Robin Magnuson of Portland, Oregon, became the first woman in the Pacific Northwest to enlist in the Coast Guard Reserve as a Boatswain's Mate when she was sworn in to the service at the Portland Recruiting Office recently.

Mrs. Magnuson enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve as a Boatswain's Mate Third Class under the Direct Petty Officer Program. This program allows qualified persons to enlist in the Coast Guard Reserve as petty officers and work in a field related to their civilian background and experience.

Portland Coast Guard Recruiter Mike Williams said, "Her civilian background in a wide range of areas

made her an excellent candidate for Boatswain's Mate, which includes a little of everything the Coast Guard does.

"She has worked on charter boats and with her husband on his fishing boats for more than 10 years. She currently works for the Portland Police Department in the Youth Division and has a master's degree in education from the University of Portland."

She is assigned to Coast Guard Reserve Unit Portland II and will perform drills one weekend each month. During her first year in the Reserve she will also be sent to Alameda, California, for a two-week basic indoctrination course.

Instructor Vacancies at Yorktown & Alameda

Many selections have already been made for Instructor/Administrators to augment RTC Yorktown and TRACEN Alameda this summer. As usually happens, there were many applicants for some positions and too few applicants for others.

Due to the large number of applications received, it is simply not feasible to provide a suitable personal letter to each applicant. Rather than using a meaningless form letter, those persons who were not selected were notified by endorsement on their Request for ADT (Form CG-3453). Additionally, the CG-3453 does not pass judgement on
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RESERVE PAY PROBLEM ?? NOTE

FOR NEW PAY "HOTLINE" PLEASE CONTACT:
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THE ADMIRAL'S CORNER



"Operation Summer Stock" -- if that term suggests the Coast Guard Reserve is looking for players for a presentation of "Once in a Lifetime," you wouldn't be too far wrong. What it does represent is a real life opportunity for reservists to play a major role in the saving of lives and property -- more than just a once in a lifetime experience, by performing duty at one of the three Great Lakes search and rescue stations manned full-time by reservists during the summer boating season. "Operation Summer Stock" is the designation that has been given to the Ninth Coast Guard District's program for manning stations: Plum Island (WI) and Manistee (MI) on Lake Michigan and Harbor Beach (MI) on Lake Huron, for summer of 1976.

This will be the fourth summer of reserve manning. The stations were closed as an economy measure in 1972 and were reopened about mid-summer of that year by an agreement with Congress -- that they would be manned by reservists for the summer boating season only on a trial basis. Manning was accomplished in a few hectic weeks that first summer and has been so successful, both in providing service to the boating public and mobilization training for reservists, that it has been continued each year.

Under "Operation Summer Stock", certain Ninth District Reserve Groups have been assigned primary and back-up personnel support responsibility for each of the three stations. Reserve Groups Chicago and Milwaukee have primary and back-up responsibility respectively for Station Plum Island; Reserve Groups Muskegon and Cleveland for Station Manistee; and Reserve Groups Detroit and Buffalo for Harbor Beach. It is the Ninth District's hope that this internal organizational arrangement will eventually eliminate the need for personnel from other districts to assist in manning these stations. Some limited opportunities will continue to exist for this coming summer and probably next summer as well, for qualified personnel from non-Ninth District units to participate.

A fourth station -- Atlantic Beach on Long Island was added for the summer of 1975. It is a larger (21 man) station with a heavier search and rescue case load. It was approved for reserve manning primarily as a result of the success of the similar operations in the Great Lakes. Third District reservists on active duty for training provided virtually all the manning at Atlantic Beach for summer 1975. Additionally, Coast Guard Reserve Unit Atlantic Beach Station which is home-based at the station, is programmed to provide SAR or training and maintenance support during drills each weekend throughout the year, depending upon the season.

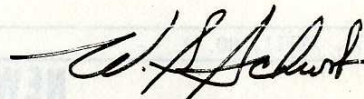
The record for summer of 1975 at these four stations shows 9 lives saved, 694 persons assisted and property valued at more than 1.3 million dollars saved during some 382 search and rescue cases, while concurrently providing outstanding training for our reservists.

At all of these stations, a small cadre of active service personnel is assigned to maintain continuity and to assist in bringing reservists up to speed on knowledge of local waters.

I visited all three of these stations in August 1975, and was impressed by the professionalism, motivation and desire to do a good job that was so readily apparent. At each of these 15-16 man stations, at least 5 or 6 reservists were wearing the Coast Guard Coxswain Insignia. Enroute to Station Plum Island, by helicopter, I monitored their radio traffic and found it to be of very high quality. Shortly after I arrived at Station Plum Island I watched the 40' ready boat crew "scramble" in a matter of minutes under heavy wind conditions to assist a disabled sailboat. The chow was reported to be good at all stations and I can personally attest to an excellent lunch. My evaluation, which was confirmed by the active service Group Commanders having responsibility for these stations was that the reservists were performing in a highly effective manner.

Present planning is full ahead for another busy summer season.

If you are a BM, RM or an SS and it coincides with both your Unit's and personal training schedule for a period of 30 days or more, you can apply for one of the limited number of billets. It could very well turn out to be a "once in a lifetime" opportunity that you will be able to look back upon with memories of an outstanding duty tour.


W. S. SCHWOEB

Miami Reservists Active in Law Enforcement

Coast Guard reservists called upon to support Regular Coast Guard law enforcement activity on the Miami River in September 1975 responded with "outstanding support" for Group Miami during special operations in connection with spiny lobster fishing.

The Bahamian government forbade the taking of spiny lobster from the Bahama Banks by foreign fishermen, causing a furor among local Cuban and American fishermen. A threat of armed retaliation necessitated increased patrols and surveillance by the Coast Guard.

On 28 August 1975 the Seventh District Reserve Division received a request from Group Miami for three qualified coxswains and three seamen to perform at least two weeks of active duty for training (ADT) augmentation in support of the increased law enforcement activity.

Reservists began the ADT duty during the Labor Day weekend and continued to support the Regular activities at Base Miami Beach through the end of the month at a reduced rate until the situation cooled down.

From 30 August to 30 September 1975 19 Seventh District reservists devoted 161 days of ADT in support of Group Miami's special operations.

Ensign Jane R. Oliver, USCGR, a graduate of the December 1976 OCS class, has joined the staff of the Office of Reserve, relieving LTJG David K. Secrest, who has been released from active duty.

RECRUITING

Congratulations to the following districts for maintaining or exceeding their Selected Reserve strength during January 1976:

EIGHTH NINTH

To increase the average strength of the drilling Reserve, it is necessary for all reservists to assist in the recruiting effort by encouraging and assisting interested and talented people to join.

During the first seven months of FY-76, the Ninth District accounted for 17.3% of all veteran enlistee (RQ) accessions while the Twelfth District accounted for 19.6% of all accessions from the Individual Ready Reserve.

CORRECTION

There was an error noted in the SEPTEMBER 1975 RESERVIST. It stated that the Coast Guard Cutter VIGILANT seized a Bulgarian trawler for the possession of lobster illegally taken in American waters. It was actually the Coast Guard Cutter VIGOROUS with First Coast Guard District reservists participating, that made the seizure. Our apologies for the error.

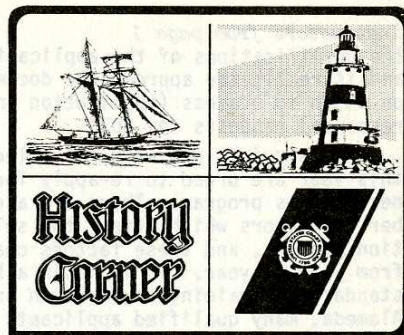
CPO SERVICEWIDE EXAMS

Commencing in October 1976, all Reserve E-7, E-8, and E-9 Servicewide examinations will be administered annually in October. This modification is being made in order to parallel a similar change recently enacted by the regular Coast Guard in its active duty servicewide examination schedule.

Those ratings scheduled to be examined in April 1976, will be examined as scheduled and will be re-examined in October 1976 to conform to the new schedule.

All E-4 through E-6 Reserve examinations will continue to be administered semiannually in April and October.

Full details may be obtained from COMMANDANT NOTICE 1418 to be distributed in February 1976.



During this Bicentennial Year, it seems fitting that much of our nation's history be presented. The Coast Guard, a service of great tradition, as well as the younger Coast Guard Reserve, have actively contributed to many memorable events and heroic deeds. The RESERVIST will begin featuring a History Corner to highlight the anniversary year. Contributions for the column including suggestions, facts or pictures are welcome from all our readers.

Reservist Entitled to Cutterman Insignia

Here is a bit of good news for all you salty reservists. Individuals of the Coast Guard Reserve, including inactive Reservists, who were either on active duty or members of the Reserve on or after 27 February 1974, may be eligible for permanent entitlement of the Cutterman Insignia.

Five years of sea duty is the primary requirement. Sea duty for qualifying for the Insignia includes Coast Guard and non-Coast Guard personnel permanently assigned to a Coast Guard cutter, sixty-five feet or more in length. It also includes Coast Guard personnel permanently assigned to a non-Coast Guard vessel.

For reservists who do not have a total of five years sea duty, but are on active duty, permanently assigned to a seagoing unit and have six months continuous satisfactory service afloat, temporary entitlement to wear the Insignia is authorized upon certification by the commanding officer. Temporary entitlement is limited to wearing the Insignia while serving on the tour afloat until the reservist qualifies with five years of sea duty. Information on eligibility requirements are contained in the latest amendment to Chapter 6 of the Personnel Manual, CG-207.

CDR MATT Earns Commendation Letter for Second District Work

CDR A. Robert MATT, Jr., USCGR, received a Letter of Commendation from Second District Commander RADM G. H. Patrick BURSLEY, USCG, for "exceptional professional competence and leadership ability" shown from 24 June to 5 September 1975 while temporarily attached to the Second Coast Guard District Reserve Division.

RADM BURSLEY commended CDR MATT for overcoming a work backlog caused by vacancies in the division's Training Branch and contributing to a successful active duty training program for summer 1975. A 95% school-quota utilization level for the Second District resulted.

CDR MATT's other achievements while attached to the Second District Reserve Division include:

- the amalgamation of Reserve Logistics and Training Branches to eliminate overlapping and duplication of activities;

- an analysis of Reserve Mobilization Manning requirements related to rate training and officer pay-billet structure;

- expansion of augmentation missions and development of a mission plan for CGRU St. Louis III;

- an officer drill-pay rotation plan for the district;

- a plan to consolidate Reserve Units St. Louis I and II as a single augmentation force at Base St. Louis; and

- improved utilization of monthly Reserve augmentation activities report as a management tool.

The 17 October 1975 commendation letter praised CDR MATT for "outstanding performance of duty during this period. By your meritorious service you have upheld the highest traditions of the Coast Guard."

CDR MATT, former commanding officer of CGRU Owensboro (KY) is currently assigned to the Office of Reserve at Coast Guard Headquarters on Special ADT. He is assigned the task of developing a Reserve Personnel Management Information System (RPMIS).



RADM BURSLEY presenting Letter of Commendation to CDR MATT

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the qualifications of the applicant, and is really the appropriate document on which to process (application and response) requests for ADT.

Reservists who were not selected this year are urged to re-apply for next year's program. There are a number of factors which affect the selection process, and these factors change from year to year. To maintain a high standard of training at Yorktown and Alameda, many qualified applicants are needed. In recognition of the time and effort involved in the preparation of resumes, they are being returned with the CG-3453's for all applicants upon selection or non-selection.

Vacancies do still exist in the positions listed below. Applications are encouraged and should be submitted in accordance with COMDTNOTE 1571 of 27 January 1975

RTC YORKTOWN

MAA Support (1) 20 June -17 July
Range Support (1)
SS Support (3)
PS/Law Enforcement Instructor (1)
2 June-20 August
BM Instructor (2) 2 June-20
August
Electronic NAV Instructor (1)
TRACEN ALAMEDA

Gym Support (1)
YN3 Support (1)
SS Support (5)
HM Support (1) female preferred
DC Support (1)
MK Course Support-MK3/FN/FA (1)
SBO Instructor (3)
Water Pollution Instructor (1)
Law Enforcement Instructor (2)
Training Admin Instructor (1)
Small Unit SAR Instructor (1)
Electronic NAV Instructor (2)
BM Advanced Instructor (2)
SK Instructor (2)
SS Instructor (1)
EM Instructor (2)

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N.Y. ROA Honors Outstanding C.O.

The New York Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) named CDR John H. HOLMEAD, III, USCG, Commander, Group Sandy Hook (NJ), as the commanding officer who had evidenced the most support of the Reserve program in the Third Coast Guard District for 1975.

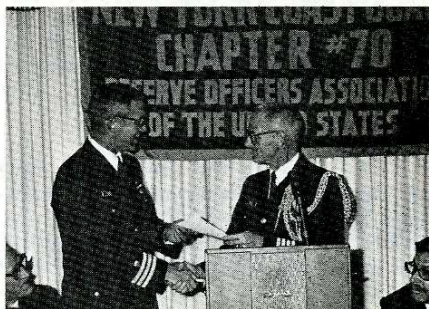
CAPT David PERKINS, USCG, Third District Chief of Staff, made the award presentation on 17 October at the annual ROA dinner held at the Governor's Island Officers Club, New York.

The Certificate of Appreciation cited CDR HOLMEAD for his "outstanding interest and cooperation with the augmentation program thereby providing excellent training for the Reserve Personnel while achieving the 'One Coast Guard Concept.'"

ADM Owen W. SILER, USCG, Commandant of the Coast Guard, forwarded a congratulatory letter to CDR HOLMEAD complimenting him on his significant contribution, through the augmentation program, "to the excellent training programs provided for reservists."

HOLMEAD recently emphasized the importance of the augmentation program. "It is a much needed program, providing mobilization and training to Reserve personnel which definitely helps the regulars." He noted that Reserve assistance "helps give our boat crew people a little more time off during the busy summer boating season." The regulars, according to HOLMEAD, could average 96 hours of work each week during the summer season at Sandy Hook. Augmentation greatly decreases that figure.

The group commander assumed his present position at Sandy Hook in June, 1973, and currently oversees the Coast Guard operations of 161 men at Sandy Hook, Manasquan and Shark River stations.



CAPT PERKINS presenting Award to CDR HOLMEAD.

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